



Westfield Community Association Network

Sale of Fireworks within Westfield / Washington Township

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History of Enforcement on Fireworks Sales

- Previous Years (prior to 2008) there was a guarded Code Enforcement effort
- Today, our first full year (2008) of Effective Code Enforcement within the City / Township has us reviewing over 1,000 cases in a 14 month period
- I as the Director WCD, am responsible for the Zoning Code Interpretation and written determinations after a thorough consultation with the Planning Staff would go something like this:

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- **City's Land Use List** – Zoning Ordinance

- Allowable / Permitted Uses (Figure 2)
- Special Exceptions (BZA approval required)

- **Allowable / Permitted Use:**

- Department Stores over 10,000 (sf) it was determined that it would allow for the “sale of fireworks”
- Stand alone, tenant space or tents for “fireworks sale” is not listed in Figure 2 as permissible use under the Code

Note: Land uses not listed on Figure 2 or in the other sections of the zoning ordinance that address “permitted uses” or “special exceptions” in the various zoning districts shall be prohibited.

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Per direction from the Mayor's office I was asked to present the following questions to the City Council at their October 13th meeting for a determination on how to proceed:

1. Not to allow firework sales of any type within the City / Township limits?
2. Keep the Status Quo by only allowing for the sale within department stores?
3. Allow for the sale of fireworks based upon an established set of regulations and permitting requirements?

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QUESTIONS ? ? ?

No fireworks at all.....

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Status Quo – Dept Store Only.....

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Allow for fireworks based on regulations.....